

Golden Wedding at Hooper.

December 21st was a gala day in Hooper; it was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Belknap. Their "golden wedding" was celebrated in the Hooper amusement hall which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

At 1 p. m. all of the family and invited guests numbering upwards of 100 had arrived. It was an inspiring sight to see father, mother, sisters and brothers all meet together again in happy reunion; some had come many miles, even from a distant state; others had been absent for years. Many were the congratulations bestowed upon this aged and devoted couple. Mr. Belknap is 77 and Mrs. Belknap 65 years of age. Both are strong and hearty and with a promise of many years of life and happiness in store for them.

At 1:15 p. m. the assemblage was called to order by Mr. Belknap; a prayer was offered by Bishop Childs followed by a short address from Mr. and Mrs. Belknap who invoked God's blessing upon their children. After this came an interesting program including music by the Hooper Cornet band which lasted until 2 p. m., when dinner was announced. There were five tables, the first of which was presided over by Mr. Belknap; five generations being represented at this table, the eldest of whom was Mrs. Martha Knight, 91 years of age, the mother of Mrs. Belknap.

Sons and daughters sat at table No. 2, with ex-sheriff Gilbert R. Belknap at their head. Joseph Belknap presided at table number 3; William Belknap at number 4, and grand children at number 5 which was also occupied by invited guests.

After the banquet there was a very entertaining program by members of the Belknap family consisting of songs, recitations and instrumental music. A very interesting biographical sketch of the family was read which contained some touching passages. In the evening there was dancing. The "Big Four" did much to help make the occasion enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. Belknap were the recipients of many testimonials of love and esteem, from relatives and friends, in the shape of beautiful and costly presents. The whole closed with prayer by Mr. Edward Parker.

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